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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: STABILIZING COMPOSITIONS  
 COMPRISING AT LEAST TWO  
 ANIONIC ASSOCIATIVE  
 POLYMERS, THEIR USE FOR  
 STABILIZATION OF NON-SOLID  
 COMPOSITIONS, AND  
 COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING  
 AT LEAST ONE STABILIZING  
 COMPOSITION

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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